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January 13, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing as a consumer, a small businessman (editor of library journal) and public relations director of the second largest non-profit in Michigan. I want to express my support of the competition in the telecommunications marketplace envisioned by Ameritech's filing to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan. The impact of deregulation has already gone a long way to benefit all consumers of a re-structured telecommunications system. I have only to compare my phone bill of today with its counterpart of ten years ago to know that competition has meant more service at the best price.

In Michigan as cable companies are already preparing to expand their telecommunication services and as the other "Bell" companies compete for the cellular market, it is important that each of the players involved have access to the same advantages. The deregulation issues are complex but once the decision is made and accepted, then all the companies vying for the services that I need to purchase should have the same advantages.

My expectation from full competition in local and long distance services in Michigan is that consumers will experience lower prices, more choice and better service. I also believe that a local company providing long distance service will mean that Michigan residents will have the opportunity for new jobs created by this service expansion.

I encourage you to favorably endorse the Ameritech application.

Sincerely,

Allen Gruenke
Public Relations Director





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January 21, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

As a state representative I support Ameritech's filing, under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long-distance service.

Over the past several years I have been active in helping to develop telecommunications policy in Michigan and supported the Michigan Telecommunications Act. This legislation promotes open and fair competition. As a result of this landmark legislation, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has granted several licenses to a variety of companies and approved interconnection agreements so that they can offer competitive local telephone service.

By approving Ameritech's application you will enhance the ability of Michigan's citizens to enjoy the benefits of a competitive telecommunications market. I urge your thoughtful consideration of Ameritech's request.

Sincerely,

Dan Gustafson
State Representative
Ingham and Livingston Counties



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January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Earlier this month, Ameritech filed an application with the Commission to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. I am requesting your review and approval of that application which will allow Michigan to become the first state to offer full competition for telecommunications service providers.

Increased competition in our state will not only provide beneficial services for consumers, it will also open up opportunities for the growth of our small business community.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Hall

Ronald E. Hall
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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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January 22, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

It is my understanding that Ameritech has filed a petition with the FCC for permission to enter into the long distance market. I am writing in support of their efforts.

Michigan has led the way in progressive telecommunications regulation, most recently with amendments to the Michigan Telecommunications Act which provided the necessary means to bring real competition to telephone customers in Michigan. We believe that this competition will lead to lower prices and more efficient service.

Ameritech has received approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to enter into interconnection agreements with AT&T, Brooks Fiber, MFS and TCG. Ameritech's long distance subsidiary, ACL, was granted a license by the MPSC in August of 1996. In addition, the MPSC has to date approved 14 licenses to companies to compete in the local market. I believe we are truly moving in the right direction in this state to provide a competitive market.

Ameritech has demonstrated its willingness to become a player in Michigan's competitive market, and I believe the Federal Communications Commission's approval of their application will provide the means for them to offer Michigan customers increased choice. I ask that you look favorably upon their request.

Sincerely,

Beverly S. Hammerstrom
State Representative
55th District

c: Donald J. Russell



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January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

It has come to my attention that Ameritech has recently filed a petition with the FCC for permission to enter into the long distance market.

The purpose of this letter is to support their petition and request that it be given thorough consideration. Approval of their request will ensure true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan. This competition will do much to ensure that consumers have access to state-of-the-art communications systems. Furthermore, it will offer consumers greater choice.

Therefore, it is my hope that the FCC will act favorably upon Ameritech's request to be permitted to enter into the long distance service market.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. HANLEY
State Representative
95th District

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell



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January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to express my support of Ameritech's recent filing to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. I believe this will allow for more competition in the telecommunications marketplace which is good for consumers. I urge your thoughtful consideration of the Ameritech application.

With full competition in local and long distance services in Michigan, consumers can expect lower prices and more choice. Michigan residents will also benefit from the new jobs created as companies expand their products and services.

Sincerely,

Barbara F. Neston, President
MICHIGAN MEMORIAL PARK, INC.

BFH/gs

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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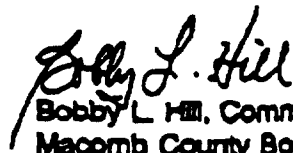
Dear Chairman Hundt:

Recently Ameritech filed an application with your agency to offer long distance service to consumers and businesses in Michigan. I thought that was great news because citizens will have the benefit of competition and more choice in the telecommunications marketplace.

In Michigan and Macomb County we take great pride in our rich history as leaders in the development of technology and jobs and I applaud Ameritech's commitment to open and full competition. The willingness of Ameritech to take the lead and become both a local and long distance service provider reflects the competitive spirit that I believe is critical for successful companies.

As an elected official, I feel that it is critical that public policy, while considering the interest of the average citizen, must also insure that the regulatory environment allows businesses to thrive. I hope that you and your staff will give careful consideration to Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,


Bobby L. Hill, Commissioner - District 17
Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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cc: Donald J. Russell, U.S. Dept. of Justice



National Association of
BLACK WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS, INC.

Martyn French Hubbard
Founder

January 22, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: Ameritech's Section 271 Application Filing

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to request that the Commission move expediently in approving Ameritech's application to provide in-region long distance service in the state of Michigan. As President of the National Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs, Inc. and a citizen of Michigan, I am convinced that full and fair competition is the only way to go.

Ameritech's entry into the long distance service industry will result in economic growth through greater consumer choice, enhanced product/service offerings, and increased employment opportunities.

After fair consideration, Ameritech's application deserves rapid approval so that we may begin to realize the benefits of unrestricted competition.

Sincerely,

Martyn French Hubbard

cc: Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force

Richard A. Huebler
15827 Englewood
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January 11th, 1997


**The Honorable Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20544**

Dear Chairman Hunt:

I am writing to express my support of competition in the telecommunication marketplace and of Ameritech's recent filing to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan. True competition is the best friend of consumers and I urge your thoughtful consideration of the Ameritech application.

With full competition in local and long distance services in Michigan, consumers can expect the lowest possible rates and more choices. Michigan residents will also benefit from the new jobs created as companies expand their products and services.

Respectfully,



**Richard A. Huebler
Retired City Administrator
City of Allen Park**

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, Telecommunication Task Force, DOJ
Honorable John Dingell, MC 16th District



January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Ameritech has recently applied to the Commission to provide long distance service in the state of Michigan. The application seeks to allow Ameritech to compete with other long distance providers in this region. Focus: HOPE respectfully requests that Ameritech's application be given every fair consideration for approval.

We understand that increasing competition is the primary intention of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and that Ameritech must meet the criteria as detailed in the Act.

Ameritech has proven to be a responsible corporate citizen, making significant contributions to the Detroit metropolitan area and the state of Michigan, and has always been an outstanding provider of local service within the area.

Focus: HOPE, a major civil rights organization with 29 years of experience in Detroit, understands the benefits of competition and the resulting improvement in peoples' lives and well being. As Focus: HOPE we move people from the maintenance of the Food Prescription Program through job training and into the marketplace in productive manufacturing positions. Therefore, we support the entry of Ameritech into the competitive field of long distance carriers and ask that the Commission proceed with its review in a timely and fair manner.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

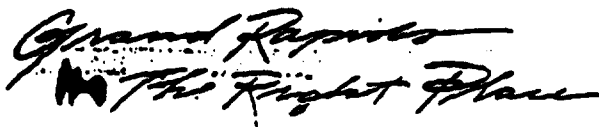
Sincerely,

Eleanor Jourdis
Acting Executive Director

cc. Mr. Donald J. Russell,
Telecommunications Task Force

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Dear Mr. Hundt,

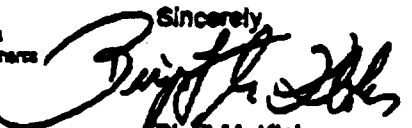
On behalf of The Right Place Program I would like to lend our support to Ameritech's application, under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan.

There are many benefits for the public, in general, for Ameritech supplying long distance service. It will provide true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan. It will allow Ameritech to directly respond to requests from their customers for added choices for expanded and innovative services at competitive prices. As President of The Right Place Program, the economic development organization for West Michigan, I feel that the resulting competition will ensure that Michigan continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure, an asset which is essential in continuing to build our economy, retain and attract business and meet the needs of our residents. Through this increased competition and growing communications workforce we will experience job growth and increased demand for housing, daily living expenses and discretionary income.

As a non-profit organization, The Right Place Program is aware that Ameritech, in 1996 alone, contributed \$5 million to Michigan in areas of quality of life (health and human services, arts and culture) and education as well as economic development. Their community involvement throughout the state has been generous and most beneficial to all Michigan residents.

The Right Place Program strongly supports and encourages approval of Ameritech's application.

Sincerely


Birgit M. Kiohs
President

BMK/mam

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division
U.S. Department of Justice



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF MICHIGAN

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January 15, 1997

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am writing as a state representative and supporter of the Michigan Telecommunications Act of 1994, to urge your support of Ameritech's application to provide in-region interLATA services in Michigan.

The goal of the Michigan Telecommunications Act was to increase competition for such things as new services and technology, improve customer service, and open markets to all classes of customers. The positive impact of deregulation as enacted by the passage of both federal and state regulation is already visible in the local market yet more needs to be done in the long distance market as demonstrated by the fact that AT&T, MCI and Sprint have all raised their prices in lockstep nine times since 1990.

Michigan's telecommunications customers want choice in their long distance carriers, and by granting Ameritech's application you will provide them with that opportunity. I urge your thoughtful consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

Gerald H. Law
State Representative
20th House District

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 8, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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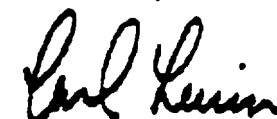
Dear Chairman Hundt:

As you are aware, Ameritech has filed an application with the FCC to provide long distance service in the state of Michigan under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. That application is now in the process of agency review which includes a public comment period.

I hope you will give Ameritech's application all due consideration in your review of whether it has met the conditions set out in the Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Carl Levin

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Payne-Pulliam
School of Trade and Commerce
2345 Cass Avenue — Detroit, Michigan 48201 — 963-4710

January 14, 1997

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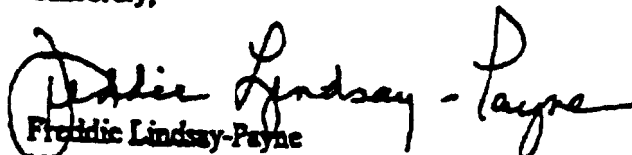
Dear Mr. Hundt:

On behalf of the Payne-Pulliam School of Trade & Commerce, Inc., we support the application and approval of Ameritech to provide in-region long distance services in the state of Michigan as granted under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Full and fair competition are basic components of a capitalistic society. Ameritech has long been restricted from fully competing in the long distance industry due to regulatory limitations. If Ameritech has fulfilled all of the requirements of Section 271 as we are led to believe, it is only fair that they be given unrestricted access to compete in this industry.

We are convinced that the competition created by Ameritech's entry into this industry will have substantial positive benefits for consumers throughout the state. Healthy competition will lead to lower prices, expanded choice, more jobs and improved innovative services. Mr. Hundt, we urge you to act expediently in approving Ameritech's application and open the gate to full competition.

Sincerely,


Fredric Lindsay-Payne
Vice President

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cc: Donald J. Russell
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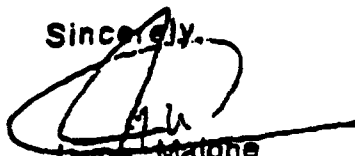
I am writing you to express my support for Ameritech filing to become a full service long distance provider. Ameritech has been a huge supporter for competition in the local service market for quite some time, and understands benefits of competition and what it will mean for the State of Michigan.

As a small business owner, I repeatedly faced competition on a daily basis. Competition means to me, I have to continue to deliver the best value to my customers; competition is not allowed, such as you and I, would suffer consequences.

Give Ameritech the chance to compete for full long distance service and that competition will ensure that customers in Michigan will receive value, new and innovative services and will continue to have a state of the art telecommunications infrastructure. Also, Michigan will substantially benefit by an increase in employment for its residents.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,


James Malone
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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January 15, 1997

**The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544**

Dear Mr. Hundt,

As a state representative, I support Ameritech's filing under section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long-distance service.

I have been a member of the Michigan House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee and supported the Michigan Telecommunications Act, which laid the foundation for fair and open competition. As a result of this landmark legislation, the Michigan Public Service Commission has granted fourteen licences to a variety of companies so that they can offer competitive local telephone service. Michigan was also one of the first states to have a facilities-based competitor offering service to business and residential customers.

We want competition in Michigan to continue to increase and provide our citizens more choices. I urge your thoughtful consideration of Ameritech's request.

Sincerely,

**JAMES MICK MIDDAUGH
State Representative**

JMM/mjl

**cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
United States Department of Justice**

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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Washington, D. C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

It is my understanding that on January 2, 1997, Ameritech filed for approval under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to offer in-region long distance service in Michigan. This letter is written to advise you that I am fully in support of FCC approval of this request.

The Michigan Telecommunications Act legislation was passed here in Michigan on the assumption that the local service providers would be able to expand into the long distance market and the long distance companies could also provide local service. The ultimate goal, of course, is to provide more competition. Consumers today definitely want more choice and by creating more competition among the telecommunication providers, additional options and better customer service will result. This request by Ameritech is a very important step in the process of accomplishing this goal.

Again, I emphasize my strong support for Ameritech's request and I trust that the Commission will give it favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



TOM MIDDLETON
State Representative
46th District

TM/af

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, The U.S. Dept. Of Justice

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New Doors*

January 14, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NM
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

Increasingly, colleges and universities are developing and delivering courses to distant locations through new technologies. At the NMC University Center, a partnership between a community college and 12 universities, 50 of 150 upper division and graduate level courses are delivered to Traverse City, Michigan, each semester via two-way compressed video. Without this medium, many of the over 40 degree programs would not be available to the 1,000 students enrolled at this time. These students can now complete all of their coursework without leaving the area.

It is my understanding that increased competition between carriers will lead to expanded choices for innovative services to students and colleges, stable prices, and responsive to the needs and requests of the education community. Competitive prices and innovative services will be essential to the expansion of educational opportunities in rural areas. Per this letter, I urge you to approve Ameritech's application to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Bruce Montgomery, Ph.D.
Dean, NMC University Center

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell



Monroe County
Industrial Development
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January 15, 1997

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Sincerely,

William P. Morris
President

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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January 14, 1997

The Honorable Rod Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing as a citizen of the State of Michigan to show my support for the recent Ameritech filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which, if approved will allow Ameritech to provide inter-lata long distance service in Michigan.

As a high user of telecommunications services, I will benefit from true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan and urge your support. The long term benefits to residents will be in lower prices, more choice, new services, and responsive customer service.

I would appreciate your prompt consideration of Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lori Morrison
1832 S. Harvey
Westland, MI 48186

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, Telecommunications Task Force

Wayne County Commission



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January 21, 1997

GEORGELLA BASCOM MUIRHEAD, APR
DIRECTOR

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

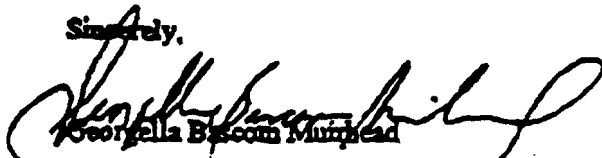
The FCC was recently petitioned by Ameritech for approval of its application to offer long distance services in the state of Michigan. This application was filed in accordance to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which outlines the provisions a corporation must meet in order to be considered for approval. I have been informed that Ameritech has met these requirements, and request that prompt action be taken to grant their entry into the long distance industry.

Granting Ameritech authorization to offer long distance service fulfills the intent of the original legislation to create full and fair competition. It affords those who choose to, the opportunity to have one company for all their communication needs, thereby eliminating the confusion associated with separate vendors for local and long distance service.

By allowing Ameritech to offer long distance service, our entire state stands to gain. Increased competition will lead to new services, lower prices, and more jobs.

Your prompt action and consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell,
Telecommunications Task Force



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January 14, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am in support of Ameritech's petition to enter the long distance market. Ameritech has a long history of being in the forefront in knowing what consumers are looking for.

In the instance of telecommunications, Ameritech knows that consumers are interested in choice, expanded services, and better customer service. They wish to provide true competition in local and long distance services in Michigan. By doing the research necessary to meet all of the legal, regulatory, and technical requirements, Ameritech has shown that it is serious about progressive telecommunications.

Increased competition in both the local and long distance markets should result in improved benefits to customers.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Murphy
State Representative/7th District
Speaker Pro-Tempore

CC: Mr. Donald J. Russell
U.S. Department of Justice

January 13, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am writing to support Ameritech's filing under Section 271 for approval to enter the long distance telephone market in Michigan. Ameritech has been a National Cherry Festival sponsor and partner, as well as a trusted and exemplary northern Michigan corporate citizen for many years.

The approval of this filing will increase competition in the long distance services business and allow Ameritech a more level playing field to provide a full range of services to Michigan customers. It will also help ensure that Michigan businesses and residents may continue enjoying the most current communications technology and infrastructure.

As one of Michigan's oldest and largest festival events, hosting over 500,000 people every summer, we support swift approval of Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,

Charles J. O'Connor
Marketing Director

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cc: Mr. Donald Russell
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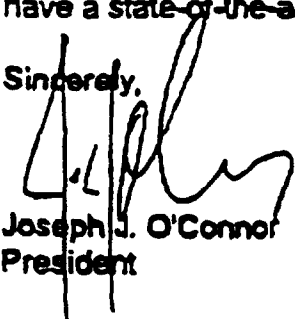
Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing in support of Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan.

As the owner of a small company that, among other things, provides call center services, I believe that the benefits of this filing will include the ability to choose among a number of quality communications providers, which will allow for more competitive pricing. This would be of great benefit to small business owners throughout Michigan.

I urge you to consider and approve Ameritech's filing so that Michigan can continue to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. O'Connor
President

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

During the last legislative session, the Michigan legislature passed a new Telecommunications law which encourages competition in the local and long distance telephone markets. The legislature and Governor feel increased competition is a desirable goal and will result in a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure for our state.

As you know, Ameritech recently filed a petition with the FCC for permission to enter the long distance market. This is a necessary first step in encouraging and ensuring competition in Michigan.

It is my hope that you will expeditiously act on the pending application so that Michigan can begin working towards our goal of a highly competitive, consumer-friendly telecommunications state.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Perricone
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61st District

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